

## Funding Your Future

Whether you are going to a trade school, Ivy League university, or local community college; your post-high school experience can cost a lot of money. But not all of it needs to be paid for straight out of *your* pocket. There are many resources out there to help you fund your post-high school experience...you just need to know where to look.

*Not sure if your grades are high enough?*

*Aren't involved in sports?*

*Not in any afterschool activities?*

Have no fear, there is a scholarship for you. Find out where the money is on FastWeb.com: the most comprehensive scholarship data base on the web.

- 1) Visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) click on 'start winning scholarships'
- 2) Follow the steps to set up an account, you will need an email address (suggestion: use your family's home email, this way your parents can be checking out the great scholarships for you too. Lets face it, you are a busy person!)
- 3) Now that you are signed in, read through a few scholarships that you are qualified for and pick one to start applying for today!

### ***Other Resources Available To You:***

#### **In The Community**

There are many scholarships and grants available to you simply because you live where you live. Many businesses and unions have scholarships available for students of employees; ask your parents if there are any at their place of work.

#### **At Your School**

Ask your school counselor for a list of scholarships and grants available to you at the school. Many alumni set up scholarships for students at all levels because of their involvement in academic, athletic, or other activities in the school.

Work study is also available to many students at all types of colleges/schools, this is a program that pays part of your tuition in return for your time working for a professor or department at the school. This is a great option if you don't receive many scholarships or have help from your parents. Ask your college counselor or browse your college's website for more information.

#### **On The Web**

FASFA (Free Application of Federal Student Aid) is a program offered by our government that provides low interest loans and grants to all students in the US. This form can be completed online or on location at your college/school of choice, it does need to be completed before you begin your schooling. You will need to sit down with a parent/guardian to be able to completely fill this form out.